

**CHAPTER NO. 104**

**SENATE BILL NO. 185**

**By Graves, McNally**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 303**

**By McMillan, Winningham, Hackworth, Coleman, Black, Lynn, Shaw, Rinks, Hargrove, Bone, Vaughn, Litz, Harmon, Cobb, Shepard, Langster, Maddox, Head, Tindell, Fitzhugh, Yokley, Pinion, Sontany, Fraley, Borchett, Briley, Mr. Speaker Naifeh**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to vaccinations for meningococcal disease.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 49-7-124. (a) New incoming students at any public or private institution of higher learning in this state who live in on-campus student housing shall return a completed waiver form pursuant to this section. A waiver form shall indicate that the institution has provided detailed information to the student concerning meningococcal disease and the availability and effectiveness of vaccine and that the student, parent or guardian has received and reviewed the information and has chosen to have the student vaccinated or not to have the student vaccinated. In order to complete a waiver form, a student who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may sign a waiver or, for minors, the student's parent or guardian may sign the waiver.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a school to provide or purchase vaccine against meningococcal disease.

(c) The Tennessee higher education commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 24, 2003



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003



PHIL BREDEBEN, GOVERNOR